

**GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DISABILITIES
AND SPECIAL EDUCATION**

Legislative Committee

LOCATION

**Governor's Council Conference Room
3601 C Street
Anchorage, Alaska
Teleconference**

Meeting Date

**March 27, 2014
12:00 p.m.**

Attendees:

Art Delaune
Dean Gates – Chair
Alex Gimarc
Terese Kashi
Banarsi Lal

Staff:

Patrick Reinhart
Hannah Foreman
Christie Reinhardt

CALL TO ORDER – 12:00 p.m.
ROLL CALL

Announcements and Good News

No announcements or good news were reported.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

There was not a quorum, and the agenda was not approved.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

There was not a quorum, and the approval of the 3/13/14 meeting minutes was tabled until the next meeting.

Correspondence

No correspondence was reported.

REPORTS

Report from the Chair

There was no report from the chair for this meeting.

Report from Staff

The staff report consisted of an update on the bills and legislative priorities discussed under old business.

OLD BUSINESS

House Bill 210 – Safe Students Act

Patrick Reinhart reported that HB 210 passed out of the House Finance Committee and is on its way to the Rules Committee waiting to be calendared for a House floor vote. Christie Reinhardt also remarked that

the fiscal note for the bill increased from \$14,000 over two years to \$14,000 a year for five years.

HB 211- Employment First Legislation

Patrick Reinhart reported that HB 211 is now going to the Senate floor tomorrow for a vote at 10:00 a.m.

HB 220 and SB 111 – Repeal of the HSGQE

Patrick Reinhart reported that HB 220 passed the House and has moved over to the Senate. Hannah Foreman noted that the bill only has to go to Finance and then the floor.

HB 278 and SB 139 – Governor’s Education Bills

Patrick Reinhart stated that he has heard a rumor that because of the complexity of these bills, the legislature may hold a special session to address them.

HB 232 – Disability Designation on ID/License

Hannah Foreman reported that there has been no movement on this legislation.

SB 143 – No HCBS Reapplication for Returning Military

Hannah Foreman reported that there has been no movement on this legislation.

Patrick Reinhart summarized that this bill would assign a placeholder on the DD Registry for Alaskan military families that have children with disabilities that are reassigned out of state, but then are reassigned back to Alaska at a later date. This would ensure that they do not lose their place in the DD Registry and have to start over again.

Complex Behavior Collaborative (CBC)

Patrick Reinhart reported that the Senate put in \$450,000 into the base budget, and then put in \$75,000 of Alaska Mental Health Trust money to get the total up to \$525,000. He noted that Jeff Jessee is working to get that resolved so the total amount is put into the base budget.

Update on Alaska Mobility Coalition (AMC) Funding Request

Patrick Reinhart reported that AMC feels pretty confident with the \$1 million in the capital budget. The capital budget has not been addressed in the legislature yet, and AMC is hoping to get that amount increased.

NEW BUSINESS

One-Year Work Plan Review

Patrick Reinhart referred committee members to the draft work plan that had been e-mailed to them. He stated that they have had a lot of success with their legislative priorities this year, and he asked committee members to e-mail him suggestions for legislative priorities to add to their work plan for next year. He stated that one suggestion that had been previously discussed dealt with durable medical equipment reuse and recycling. He noted that there may be some legislative advocacy around encouraging Medicaid to be more open to the idea of reuse and recycling to save the State money.

Dean Gates suggested adding the deaf children's bill of rights legislation that Representative LeDoux will be holding until next year.

Banarsi Lal noted that the work plan has some formatting issues on the first page that should be corrected.

Dean Gates also suggested adding a priority to the Legislative Committee's work plan in the area of FASD.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

- Every Friday – Trust legislative meetings.
- Executive Committee meeting, April 1.
- Disability Policy Seminar – Washington, D.C., April 7 – 9.

TIME AND DATE OF NEXT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Legislative Committee meeting is scheduled for April 10th from 12:00 to 1:00.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:34 p.m.